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It is definitely known that Sacramento suffered heavily, although probably without great loss of life. If the earthquake spread as generally as that it will be many days before the extent of the damage is known, for small farms, settlements and mining plants must have suffered equally with the cities.

OAKLAND GETS OFF EASY. Although many houses went down, the list of known dead is only five. Alameda, which is supposed to get hit the hardest from Pacific Coast earthquakes, reports none dead. It is said that there was some damage to the buildings of the University of California at Berkeley, five miles from here. Word comes from San Diego that a railroad of physicians, nurses and volunteer helpers is being rushed through to San Francisco. They will be needed, for the regular forces of aid are absolutely worn out.

Oakland is clogged with refugees. People have thrown open their houses, the hotels being filled, and men and women are preparing to sleep on the floors. A continual succession of reports shows that they are dynamiting buildings again, and late arrivals who sneaked past the cordon of troops and came over by rowboat report that the water supply has given out again. At about 9 o'clock there were sounds like the rattle of musketry. Whatever caused them, report has it that it was the firing of United States troops in battle with looters.

Confirmation has just come in of a report which was about earlier in the day to the effect that the roundhouses and yards of the Santa Fe at Port Richmond were destroyed, with some loss of life to employees.

SAN JOSE'S DISASTER.

The report of the disaster in San Jose grows. We have the rumor now that 55 per cent. of the buildings in that city are destroyed. If this is true, the loss of life in that city, which has 30,000 inhabitants and a heavily populated outlying farming district, may have been as large as that in San Francisco. The whole Thirteenth Infantry has been sent over from Angel Island to help out.

FIRE HASN'T REACHED THE HILLS. It is entirely possible what with the wind and the failure of the water supply that the fire may creep up the hills during the night, sweep the residence district and complete the destruction of San Francisco. It has not reached the hills as yet, however. There was a rift in the smoke a few minutes ago, and through it we made out the outlines of Russian Hill and the white walls of the Fairmount still unscathed.

MOST OF THE VESSELS ESCAPE. In the general disaster no one has paid much attention to the shipping in the harbor. Hundreds of vessels lay tied up at the docks that fringe the city almost to the Golden Gate. They had plenty of warning, however, and most of them slipped their cables and slid out into the stream. While the waterfront fire took all the little buildings along the wharves and most of the warehouses, with their stores of wheat and merchandise, it missed the piers themselves and few vessels were burned. The anchorage in the bay was crowded.

TIDAL WAVE DIDN'T COME. It is impossible to confirm this. Early in the day the fear of a tidal wave added to the terror in the town. It did not come, however. Even if it had, it would have affected only the thinly populated district lying out toward the Pacific Ocean. The greater part of the city fronts on the bay, into which the ocean runs only by the narrow Golden Gate.

BEER AND WHISKEY MAKE A HELL. Although the Mayor early in the day ordered all the saloons closed, a man arriving by boat late to-night said that "beer and whiskey made an awful hell of it." He added that the disorder was frightful, that some soldiers have got drunk and are bayoneting the crowds and that the mob about the Palace Hotel before it burned got clean away from the soldiers and made the streets a hell of disorder.

Blasting the downtown buildings which were in the way of the flames added to the disorder. He learned from the firemen, who are collapsing by scores and being rushed to the temporary hospitals, that the supply of dynamite is giving out. When this happens the city will be at the whim of the fire. The recurrence of mild shocks, especially a sizable one at 6 o'clock, are followed by wild panics and rushes through the streets which the troops check with difficulty.

So many small details of the disaster, each a disaster in itself, come to hand, that one hesitates to know where to begin. Some of the docks and freight sheds along the waterfront literally slid into the bay. Among these was a set of bunkers carrying thousands of tons of coal. Following the final shocks the lowlands of the Potrero, a district near the Union Iron Works, were flooded, probably by depression of the ground, and the people have left this district.

Just such floods are reported at Tracy and Suisun, towns at the heads of bay sloughs. Along the edge of the wharves and the waterfront there is a fissure six feet wide and of unknown depth. Owing to the water which has flowed into it this only adds to the consternation, since many believe that because the city is on made ground it is doomed.

It is safe to say that by to-morrow night San Francisco will resemble a deserted village. Everyone who can will probably get out to the mountains which touch San Francisco Bay on the north, or to the interior.

LIVE WIRES A MENACE. In the first hour of the disaster many must have been killed by live wires. Almost all the electric light wires fell across

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the streets, and the work they did is proved by the presence at the temporary morgue of many corpses on whom the only mark is a burn about the hands or feet. This lasted for only an hour. After that the electric power was cut off.

The food problem is already troubling the authorities. Mayor Schmitz has ordered grocers and dairymen and bakers to hold their supplies at the disposition of the authorities. The food will be distributed equally, rich and poor sharing alike.

The Southern Pacific long wharf has settled into the bay, and thousands of tons of coal have gone with it. A section of Loma Prieta, a mountain near Santa Cruz, slid into the valley below, engulfing a sawmill and fifteen men.

The fire department of Los Angeles has



CITY HALL OF SAN FRANCISCO.

offered its services, but the San Francisco firemen have declined them because they have no water.

Although a fierce gale is blowing up the coast many relief ships are reported headed this way. The Pacific squadron was on its way from San Diego to San Pedro for target practice when the disaster was reported to Admiral Goodrich. He started for San Francisco under forced draught at once.

Four theatres, the Grand Opera House, the Orpheum, the Majestic and the Columbia, are gone.

TO PAY INSURANCE CLAIMS. It is reported that the local insurance adjusters met in San Francisco and decided to pay all losses, whether caused by fire or earthquake. What was their authority for arriving at such a decision the report does not say.

Insurance Commissioner E. Myron Wolf announced at noon, however, that the eighty fire insurance companies represented at San Francisco had decided to pay dollar for dollar, not discriminating between fire and earthquake losses. Only two of the companies are Pacific Coast concerns.

MILE AND A HALF OF TRACK SUNK.

The Southern Pacific train dispatchers say that service on the Western division is knocked out. From Suisun comes a message that a mile and a half of track has sunk into the Suisun marshes. Trains which were despatched for San Francisco early in the morning had to be brought back and sent to the Bay by the Lathrop route. When the track sank a loaded passenger train came near going out of sight. A switch engine, too, sank three feet into the mud with the tracks.

OAKLAND FERRY CRIPPLED. It is a terrible night along the waterfront at Oakland. The ferries do not reach the town direct, but transfer their passengers to trains which run about a mile and a half into the city; but these tracks are out of commission, twisted in the general scramble of made lands, and the refugees are walking to the town.

We are having our own little fires along the waterfront, and in the light of the burning buildings there passes a constant procession of haggard men, some of them only half dressed, loaded down with valuables, and dragging crying children or supporting half collapsed women.

One man started to carry a woman who had collapsed through exhaustion and fright all the way into Oakland. At the end of the long pier he, too, collapsed, and they were found there fainting in each other's arms by a relief party from Oakland.

All along the hill district people are sitting even at midnight watching that red sea of flames which fills all the western horizon, and which shows where the gayest, most careless of American cities has become in a night the most desolate.

ANOTHER DISASTER ACCOUNT. 100 Blocks of the City Burned and the Losses Estimated at \$100,000,000.

OAKLAND, Cal., April 18.—Successive earthquake shocks of tremendous force, followed by fierce conflagrations, tore and burned out the heart of San Francisco today, devastated vast areas in the residence district, killed hundreds, and more likely thousands, of people. Dazed and half insane survivors are

wandering the debris littered streets seeking loved relatives, seemingly unconscious that the flames are still ravaging what is left of the city.

First estimates of the disaster were totally inadequate. In the first shocks, lasting three minutes, at 5:13 o'clock this morning, between 1,000 and 2,000 persons were supposed to have perished. Bodies of more than 500 of these have been recovered. Then at 11 o'clock came the final shock, the most severe of all, and it is feared that the loss of life by this was heavier than the preceding disaster. Rows of buildings collapsed along Market street and Front street, and quickly burned. All of them contained victims whose identity passed away with the ashes of buildings.

One hundred blocks of downtown business houses are in ruins and the waterfront has sunk so that the bay is spreading over many blocks in that part of the city. The morgues are filled and the work of gathering the harvest of death has begun.

The area covered by the flames approximates ten square miles late to-night, with the conflagration still raging. The force of the earthquake cut off the city's supply of water in the morning and the fire king held sway, with the frantic people fighting with dynamite to stay the progress of the flames. Tons of dynamite were used to destroy huge buildings in the path of the flames, and millions of dollars worth of

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HEAVY LOSSES REPORTED IN CITIES TO THE SOUTH.

Severest Loss Seems to Be the Complete Destruction of Stanford University—Report That San Jose Is Almost Completely Destroyed—Asylum Burned

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A Student and a Fireman Killed and Six Students Injured—Loss More Than \$2,000,000—The Buildings Planned With the Idea of Resisting Earthquakes.

PALO ALTO, Cal., April 18.—The buildings of the Stanford University, Palo Alto, were razed to the ground by the earthquake to-day. Only one of the fifteen completed buildings is left standing.

Two persons were killed by the collapse of the buildings, a student and Otto Gurtis, a fireman. Six other students lie in the hospital suffering from wounds sustained in the collapse and ensuing fire. It is feared some will not recover.

The loss is put at more than \$2,250,000, as the buildings have been steadily in course of construction since the institution was founded.

Stanford University was opened for the instruction of students in 1891 and the last register showed about 1,600 in attendance. It is the richest university in the United States, having an endowment of about \$33,000,000 and an especially complete system of buildings. This building plan was nearing completion.

The architecture was of the California mission style. A series of low, one story buildings, arranged about a large quadrangle, was enclosed by outer quadrangles of higher buildings. These included a reference library and the Stanford Memorial Church, the finest and most expensive church in California.

Apart from this central mass of buildings was a complete series of structures for the use of the engineering department, a museum, a chemical laboratory, called the most complete in the country, and two dormitories, one for men and one for women. The former housed 400 students. A great general library and a gymnasium were in course of construction and were to have completed the building scheme.

The buildings in the one story inner quadrangle which held most of the class rooms were almost foolishly substantial and were built with the idea of resisting earthquakes.

BUILDINGS THAT FELL.

Grand Opera House Among the Structures That Are Totally Destroyed.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—The following is a list of the larger buildings that have been damaged or destroyed: Grand Opera House, entirely destroyed. Pacific Union Club, front injured, assures in the wall.

City Hall, collapsed in the shock. Palace and Grand hotels, destroyed by fire.

Chronic building, destroyed by fire. Examiner building, destroyed by fire.

Majestic, Orpheum and Columbia theatres, destroyed by fire.

Post Office building and United States Mint, destroyed by fire.

Postal Telegraph and Western Union buildings, dynamited.

Rialto States Telegraph building, burned.

St. Ignace's Church, total loss; the interior ruined and the walls so badly cracked that they will have to be pulled down.

Concordia Club, Van Ness avenue, walls so badly cracked that they must be torn down; almost total loss on contents.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Van Ness avenue, walls badly damaged; will have to be rebuilt.

California Hotel, Bush street, upper floors wrecked.

Windsor Hotel, Third street, total loss; walls falling during the earthquake shocks.

St. Francis Hotel, walls cracked, but not seriously injured.

Cluck Hotel, roof fell in and walls partly collapsed.

Upham Building, Pine and Battery streets, totally destroyed; loss \$500,000.

Grand Building, Post and Market streets, not much damaged.

Hearst Building, fell in ruins; total loss. Residence of Claus Spreckels, seriously damaged.

Call Building, destroyed.

Little damage was done to the Chronicle Building, a new structure.

Hotel, a frame structure, smashed to fragments and many persons in it killed.

The rear wall of the Monadnock office building, eleven stories high, and partly erected, collapsed.

PARTIAL LIST OF THE DEAD.

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Annie Wheeler, killed while asleep in her bed at home, 2782 Sacramento street. The chimney of an adjoining cottage fell upon the roof under which the girl was sleeping and she was buried under the brick and mortar.

Unknown father and son, 157 Langdon street; killed under a falling wall.

Myrtle Minner, 2581 Langdon street; killed under a falling wall.

Baker, Second and Stevenson streets. W. Kornfeld, 12 years old, 934; Folsom street.

William Vail, 4 years old, 280 Stevenson street.

Anna Webster, 14 Williams street.

John Wheeler, 110 Eddy street.

John Taylor, fish market, Montgomery and Sacramento streets.

Geronimo Stagnan, 518 Merchant street.

Philip Buschardt, fish market, Seventh and Minna streets.

Louis Paladini, Montgomery and Merchant streets.

Max Fenner, policeman; killed at entrance of City Hall.

Police Sergeant Steve Bunner, Sr.; killed at City Hall.

Otto Seel, 320 Mission street.

Sakie Ishido, 420 Stevenson street.

F. Miyaki, 423 Stevenson street.

Mrs. Ida Heeslip, Geary and Stockton streets.

Dr. Stinson, well known physician, killed in his room on the eighth floor of the California Hotel. Stinson was in bed when the walls crashed and buried him under a pile of debris.

UNKNOWN DEAD.

Three Chinese; two unknown white women; unknown white man; sailor; unknown man, Hayes and Polk streets; unknown man, Wilcox House, Second and Jessie streets.

Otto Seel, 16 years old, 3334 Pierce street, rushed into the room of his father when the awful shock came and shouted: "Oh, papa, I am dying." The child fell dead in his father's arms.

SITUATION AT MARE ISLAND.

Three Warships There in Commission—Navy Department Not Anxious.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Of the vessels of the Navy in commission, the receiving ship Independence, the collier Saturn and the torpedo boat destroyer Perry are at the Mare Island Navy Yard. Besides these there are five or six vessels, including the gunboat Benning, which was blown up at San Diego, Cal., last fall, out of commission and undergoing repairs. Officers of the Department are not worrying over the ships that were in the water at the Mare Island Navy Yard.

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Those at the Palace Had Time to Escape, but Sembrich and Eames Were Not in Danger—Fears for Safety of Chorus and Orchestra Brought a Crowd.

Heinrich Conried, director of the Metropolitan Opera Company, which opened in the Grand Opera House, San Francisco, last Monday night, was greatly alarmed about the safety of the opera singers.

Mr. Conried received word at midnight that the singers were all safe, but that all of the scenery had been destroyed in the fire that consumed the Grand Opera House. All last evening there were about 100 relatives of members of the chorus and orchestra at the offices of the Metropolitan Opera Company waiting for news.